

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

Programme of Services To-Day.

Ministerial Movements—Chat by the Way.

SYNAGOGUE WORSHIP.

Presbyterian General Assembly.

At Station Street Baptist Church the Rev. S. J. Knapp will preach at the usual hours to-day.

"The Three Special Friends of Jesus" will be introduced to Willett Street Methodist Episcopal Church to-day by Rev. J. E. Seale.

At Trinity Baptist Church the Rev. J. B. Simmons, D. D., will preach morning and evening as usual.

The American Temperance Union in Cooper Institute will be addressed this afternoon by Recorder Hackett and Professor W. M. Evans.

"The Angelic 'Four Notes'" will be considered by Dr. Armstrong this morning and "A Minute Providence" this evening in the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church.

The American Free Church will take a vacation for the summer after to-day. Rev. C. F. McCarthy will review his two years' work this evening.

In the Reformed Church on Thirty-fourth street Rev. C. Marlyn will give the second of a series of sermons on "Lot, the Bad Good Man" this evening.

At Grand Union Hall Mr. S. T. Williams will preach this morning, and in the evening Rev. William Thompson will be addressed this afternoon by Gospel Temperance meeting in the afternoon.

At Washington Square Methodist Episcopal Church Rev. C. S. Brown, Superintendent Five Points Mission, will preach in the morning, and Rev. Dr. King in the evening on "Temperance."

The Rev. A. H. Moment will bid his Spring Street Presbyterian Church "Stand Still and See the Salvation of God" this morning, and in the evening he will talk about "Wine and Beer."

The Blue Ribbon Temperance Union, in Irving Hall, this afternoon, will be addressed by Rev. Dr. Ball, of Buffalo; Edward Carwell, of Canada; Joseph Cheney, of Kentucky; Emma G. Conklin and Professor Kegan.

Mrs. Nellie Brigham will lecture for the Spiritualists this evening on "The Divine in the Human." Also in the morning.

Rev. W. M. Page will preach this afternoon at Chickering Hall. The congregations attending here during the past year have been larger than ever before, and the converts number 200, many of whom have united with the evangelistic churches.

"Inevitable Life Changes" and "The Kind of People Wanted" will be considered by the Rev. W. N. Series to-day in the Free Tabernacle Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Berean Baptist Church will be ministered to to-day by Rev. J. Q. Adams.

Rev. F. H. Hinson will preach this morning and evening in Blocker Street Universalist Church.

"The Bright Side of Life in Liberty Prison" will be given by Chaplain McCabe to-morrow evening in Washington Square Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. Alexander McKelvey will preach at the usual hours to-day in Canal Street Presbyterian Church.

"The Characteristics of the Catholic Apostolic Church—Particularly the Restored Apostleship" will be indicated this evening by Rev. C. A. G. Brigham in the Catholic Apostolic Church.

In the Church of the Holy Trinity this morning and evening Rev. S. H. Tyng, Jr., D. D., will preach.

Rev. J. D. Wilson will preach for the Central Presbyterian Church this evening in their new chapel, and in the morning in the old place.

In Calvary Baptist Church Rev. R. S. MacArthur preaches this morning and evening at the annual hour.

Rev. Dr. Shipman preaches this morning in Christ Church, and this evening Rev. F. Courtney, of St. Thomas' Church, will preach in behalf of the "Society for the Relief of the Destitute Blind."

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Rev. Charles Bauman will preach this morning and evening in Embury Methodist Episcopal Church. Sacramental service and reception of members in the morning.

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united by letter with the South Baptist Church, the united congregation will worship to-day in the office of the former, in Forty-eighth street, where Rev. A. Stewart Walsh, late of Brooklyn, will preach morning and evening.

Professor Felix Adler has accepted a very flattering call from the Pacific coast to deliver a series of lectures. He will leave New York about the 20th inst., stopping at Pittsburgh, where he will lecture twice, and proceed to San Francisco. He speaks before the Ethical Club this morning.

In the Swedish Church this morning the Rev. F. H. Humphrey will preach on "The White Horse in the Apocalypse," and in the evening on "Moses."

The Rev. A. J. Arnold will preach this morning and afternoon in the Anthon Memorial Church.

The Rev. C. L. Tibbitt will preach at the usual hours to-day in the Church of the Atonement.

Bishop Scott and the Rev. M. W. F. Noyes will occupy the pulpit of St. Ignace's Protestant Episcopal Church this morning and evening.

"The Robe Washed White in the Blood of Christ and What It Means" will be explained by Rev. W. R. Alger in the Church of the Messiah this forenoon.

"The Infant Jesus and the Aged Sinner" will be contrasted by Rev. J. J. Muir in Macdougall Street Baptist Church this morning. In the evening a special performance sermon on "Infidelity" will be preached.

CHAT BY THE WAY.

There are plenty of men who boast that they made themselves, and plenty more who must confess that they have unmade themselves.

It is bad policy to worry about filling your church. See that your pulpit is properly filled, and then the church will take care of itself.

A great many government officers have come to the conclusion that there are any number of things quite "worthy of their steel." That is why small salaries and high positions are so attractive.

It is better to stay at home and sew up the rents in your children's clothes than to go to the Durcas society and sew for the heathen. You can't spare the time to do for others if you must leave undone what is necessary to home comfort and happiness.

It is with some people's baptism as it was with the small boy's vaccination. He mistook the word, but his meaning was clear. On being asked if he had ever been baptized he replied, "Yes, the doctor came and baptized me five or six times, but it never took."

If you want to make a starving man believe that you have any true religion send him a large loaf of bread before you send a tract. The latter is never a good substitute for the former. If before eating he refuses your religion at your feet, but if he refuses it after a good meal it is his fault.

The world is like the little boy who, on being asked by his clergyman what he wanted, replied that he guessed he would like a New Testament, but he was sure he would like a popgun.

Almost everybody believes in the moral law, but very few believe in the necessity of practicing it.

Colonel Ingersoll has at last found an appreciative audience. The young ladies of a school, after the delivery of his famous lecture on "Infidelity," passed a vote of thanks, in which they expressed their increased faith in religion after listening to his able remarks.

They were of the opinion that if Ingersoll had said the least strongest thing against orthodoxy, they would not be in such danger of being overturned as they had supposed.

It is very natural to reason from one's prejudices. The keeper of a drinking saloon has been collecting facts about churches and their debts, and declares that every new church spire is helping to ruin the country. His motto is, tax the church as a luxury and make labor free, because it is a necessity, and we shall enter upon a new era as a great and glorious people. Some folks will insist on looking at the world through a glass eye.

A certain class of people pretend to be averse to matrimony. It consists largely of those who have never been tempted by the offer of hand and heart, however. The man was lately engaged in the middle of a wedding, and expressed more truth than she was aware when, after the ceremony, she asked the officiating clergyman to close the interesting service by singing the familiar hymn beginning.

This is the way I long have sought, And mused because I found it not.

The criterion by which we judge others is not to be more rigid than that by which we wish ourselves to be judged. A glaring fault in another is only an excusable weakness in ourselves. Our eyes are open when we look at our neighbors, but wholly shut when we look at ourselves.

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restfully in our own palm and is about to be deposited in our own pocket, it is not so intolerable after all.

Mr. Murphy says with great pathos that the poor drunkard is always traveling on the Jericho road and falling among thieves, on which a Western paper comments truly by saying that it is generally the Tom & Jerry C. road.

We are trembling on the verge of war or peace, no man can tell which. Russia is dogged and unyielding, and Disraeli is almost there. There is an ominous something in the air, but whether it is a breeze or a gale-whirlwind is impossible to say. Whatever may come, however, the position of England, heretofore in the fore front of every great reform, is an anomaly. It can't be that she is about to lose her prestige and really take her place as the champion of effete liberalism. She loves money and she wants to keep it, and Europe will stand by her in this acknowledgment; but to adopt the Quacres into the royal family and to pronounce her benediction over the turban of the Turk is more than we expected. England can't afford to take on the baggy trousers of the Moslem, or the turban of Turkish bondage, her soldiers to be bitten by the snakes of Constantinople. This is all a nightmare, a feat of somnambulism. The stars will fall when England fights in such a cause as that. The present trouble should be talked out, not fought out. Let a telephone be constructed, with the czar at one end and Disraeli at the other, but keep the Krupp guns from opening their mouths.

A great many of us are like the old maid who said, when recounting his adventures, that he began the world with nothing, and by hard work has succeeded in holding his own ever since. There are others who have managed to hold their own and other people's too.

PRESBYTERIAN.

THE APPROACHING GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

NORTH AND SOUTH—FINANCIAL AND NUMERICAL CONDITION OF THE CHURCH—IDEAL MINISTERS AND EMPTY CHURCHES—HOW TO REDUCE THE REPRESENTATION IN ASSEMBLY.

On Thursday, the 16th inst., "The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America" will be held in the city of New York.

Northern Presbyterian Church will gather in Pittsburgh, Pa., where the retiring moderator, Dr. James Kelcey, will deliver the customary discourse.

On the same day the Southern Presbyterian Assembly will hold the same legal title as the Northern, both claiming to be the representatives of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

When Dr. C. A. Stillman, the retiring moderator, will also deliver the usual sermon. And on Wednesday, the 16th inst., the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church will meet in this city in annual session.

The former has thirty-seven synods, including each in Kentucky, Missouri, Maryland, and one each in India and China. Unnumbered synods are 177 presbyteries, which again comprise 6,103 churches, 4,801 ministers and 321,000 communicants.

Some of the latter have been ordained during the year, and some of the 672 candidates in the seminaries and colleges of the Church have been licensed within the same period, so that, at this time, the number of ministers and licentiates probably equals the number of churches. That result is not necessary, however, for the care and supervision of the churches, for a pastor can sometimes look after two or three or even more small congregations. But in the Presbyterian Church a difficulty is experienced which, though not confined to this denomination, is perhaps more apparent here than elsewhere.

It is the difficulty of getting pastors for churches. It is the difficulty of getting pastors for churches. It is the difficulty of getting pastors for churches.

Of the 6,103 churches and unnumbered ministers, only 1,785 were in the pastorate. All others, numbering about two-thirds of the whole, are either "supplies," or engaged in professional or secular life, without charge or honorarium. A few are clergymen and evangelists, and some are missionaries at home and abroad. The problem of the Church for years past has been to bring the 1,000 unemployed ministers and the 2,000 empty pulpits into some sort of relationship. The Church needs a faith akin to Paul's, that will not ask about the pay, but rather about the work, and that will go to help where there is no shrink from, so that souls may be saved and Christ glorified.

It is quite true that men cannot now live upon air. Neither could they in Paul's time, and if the sentiment of all the churches was not what it is on the office of the ministry, preachers now, as well as 1,800 years ago, would be able to "work with their own hands" and when they wasted, supply their own needs, so that the Gospel should be without charge, and the minister be spared the accusation of which Paul was jealous, that he should appear to seek the people's money rather than their souls. Hence he would not be burdensome to any; nevertheless, he preached the Gospel and he preached by the regions where the Church had not even been planted, and it is possible that in this age and in any part of the civilized world any man with Paul's spirit would be allowed to suffer for the Gospel, and to live by the people's work, and for whom he labored. But the modern missionary and preacher has to depend upon what Paul had not, and his sustenance would be sought in the work of the Gospel. And yet this anomalous condition of churches and ministers is the result.

RELATIVE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH.

But notwithstanding this drawback, which is a very serious one, the Church has grown, and it has grown in a way that is not only remarkable, but also very encouraging. The number of communicants reported to the last General Assembly was 657,074, which is an increase of 100,000 over the number reported to the Assembly of 1870-71, of whom 49,000 were converts from paganism and idolatry. This was a very large increase, and it was due to the fact that the Church has been growing in every part of the world.

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